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1. AT SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF THE NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY, U.S. REP PER REFTEL INFORMED OTHER MEMBERS THAT WASHINGTON WANTED TO POSTPONE OCTOBER 2 MEETING OF THE FULL STUDY PANEL UNTIL NOVEMBER AFTER THE NPB MINISTERIAL. AD HOC GROUP MEMBERS DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVE DATES IN NOVEMBER, AND AGREED THAT WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 APPEARED TO BE THE BEST ALTERNATIVE IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH DPC PREPARATIONS LATER IN THE MONTH. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO BLOCK TWO DAYS FOR THE MEETING. MEMBERS UNDERTOOK TO SOUND OUT THEIR CAPITALS ON SUITABILITY OF WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 WITH VIEW TOWARD AGREEING ON EXACT DATES BY SEPTEMBER 30.

2. COMMENT: WE SHOULD PROPOSE EXACT DATES FOR OTHER STUDY GROUP MEMBERS TO CLEAR IN THEIR CAPITALS. IT WOULD APPEAR TO US THAT THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS IN THAT
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SOME WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS IN THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY MIGHT ALREADY BE IN EUROPE FOR THE ROME NPG MEETING THE FOLLOWING WEEK. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

3. AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSION OF THE U.S. PAPER ON ORGANIZATION AND
CONDUCT OF THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY REPORTED SEPTEL.
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